



# Virginia Green Events



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## Virginia Sustainable Building Network Annual Conference Etlan, VA



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**Virginia Green** is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green** has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism, and these practices are considered the required minimum for participation in the program. However, **Virginia Green** encourages its participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations, and this profile provides a full list of all their "green" activities. These are the activities that guests / customers can expect to find when they visit this facility.

## Virginia Sustainable Building Network Annual Conference

Virginia Sustainable Building Network (VSBN) is the only statewide organization that brings together representatives from diverse sectors who are interested in building healthy, energy-efficient, environmentally friendly buildings and sustainable communities.

As an organization committed to sustainable practices, we **MUST** strive to set the example for other organizations to follow. We support Virginia Green's efforts to make conferences, events, and festivals green!

Local foods will be served -- and certainly DuCard Winery's wines will be on display and available for purchase!

### Virginia Green Activities

#### **This facility pledges that they:**

##### **Recycle.**

- Have in place clearly marked recycling locations and/or containers. Please check the items that visitors to your facility are able to recycle: (*minimum of 2 required*)
  - Glass bottles
  - Aluminum cans
  - Plastic bottles

- Paper
- Cardboard
- Composting of food & other compostable items

### Minimize the use of disposable food service products.

- Do not use any disposable containers, dishware, cutlery, or cups **OR**
- Use disposable food service items that are made from bio-based, renewable materials
- Use compostable food service items and direct this material to available composting operations in your area

### Printed Materials.

- Use electronic registration, correspondence, and forms instead of paper forms
- Print all documents double-sided
- Purchase/use paper products with 30% or higher recycled-content

### Waste Reduction.

- Track overall solid waste costs (*required for Virginia Green*)
- Chose a **location/venue** that shares a similar commitment to reducing its environmental impacts and include green specifics in contracting. Please provide the "green details" on the venue:
- Arrange for the composting of food waste and other compostables
- Provide condiments, cream and sugar, etc. in bulk
- Use water pitchers to minimize the use of single-use bottles
- Avoid box lunches and service trays/platters of food instead
- Purchase recycled-content paper towels and toilet paper
- Encourage the use of mass-transit and/or carpooling to the event
- Provide for recycling of boxes and other set-up wastes
- Purchase from vendors and service providers with a commitment to the environment
- Other actions taken to reduce solid waste: We are serving local food and beverages!

### Green Signage.

- Have signs at the event registration which list all of our green activities
- Other actions taken related to green signage: Virginia Green Event banner and certificate will be on display.



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For more information on **Virginia Sustainable Building Network Annual Conference**, see [vsbn.org/index.html](http://vsbn.org/index.html) or contact Annette Osso at [vsbn@vsbn.org](mailto:vsbn@vsbn.org) or 703-486-2966.

For more information on the Virginia Green program,  
see [www.deq.state.va.us/Programs/PollutionPrevention/VirginiaGreen.aspx](http://www.deq.state.va.us/Programs/PollutionPrevention/VirginiaGreen.aspx).



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